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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Responsive to a telephone conference with the Examiner on December 5, 2006, provided herewith is a Supplemental Reply to Final Office Action. The above amendments place the application in condition for allowance, as the allowable subject matter indicated in the Final Office Action has been incorporated into independent claims 1 and 21.

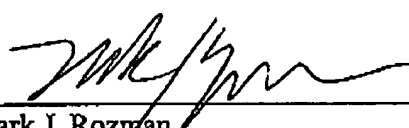
Specifically with regard to claim 1, dependent claim 7 has been incorporated into claim 1, as well as the subject matter of dependent claim 22. As to claim 21, the subject matter of dependent claim 22 has been incorporated into claim 21.

In view of these remarks, the application is now in condition for allowance and the Examiner's prompt action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504.

Respectfully submitted,

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